

ABSTRACT

A non-asbestos friction material is obtained by  
5 molding and curing a composition comprising a fibrous base  
other than asbestos, a binder and a filler. The fibrous  
base is composed in part of 1-15 vol % of inorganic fibers  
having a Mohs hardness of less than 4.5 and the filler  
includes 0.5-15 vol % of cashew dust, based on the overall  
10 composition. The friction material undergoes little wear  
during high-speed braking, has an excellent heat resistance,  
stable braking effectiveness and good strength, and  
generates little undesirable brake noise, especially when  
used as brake linings in drum brakes.